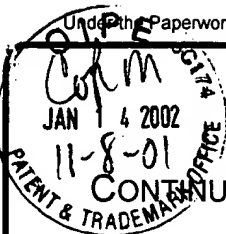


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## REQUEST

FOR

## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

## TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or patent application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/413,552
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Group Art Unit	2831
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the parent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice. Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) (reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Considered the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Replay Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

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Miscellaneous.

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required).
- b. ☐ Other: 01/15/2002 GTEFFERA 00000068 09413552

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Fees.

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02 FC:103 414.00 OP

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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